

District Advisory Council
February 8, 2010
4:00 PM at Hitchcock ISD Board Room

Members in attendance:

Mike Bergman	Larry Allen	Mary Basurto
Susan Bowles	Theresa Burton	Denise Charlston
Michael Charlston	Phyliss Coleman	Nina Conway
Ethel Gaines	William Turner	Terri Jones
Allan Gibson	Glen Newsom	Blanca Ochoa
Anna Moya	Eleanor Spells	Susan Thompson
Forrest Parker		

Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose
 - Members present represented Stewart Elementary, Crosby Middle, Hitchcock High, Kids First Head Start, Central Office administration, parents and the community.
 - The agenda was reviewed.
- Examine graduation requirements
 - Recent communications from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) was shared with the committee with the most current information regarding graduation requirements.
 - The consensus of the committee was to keep health and technology applications as local electives for graduation.
 - Susan Thompson will survey the surrounding districts about the addition of the fourth science class.
 - Surrounding districts will also be canvassed to determine how many are keeping health as a requirement for graduation.
- Review NCLB report card and the AEIS report
 - The NCLB report card was reviewed with the explanation this is the first year TEA has provided the report. The 2008-2009 report was formatted by each district to comply with the Department of Education requirements.
 - The AEIS report was included in the information.
- Consider budget requirements for 2010-2011
 - Nina Conway shared the August 31, 2009 snapshot of the district's budget.
 - The budget information is to be considered during the planning for next year at the district and campus levels.
 - With present funding the district needs to cut 16% across the board to ensure a balanced budget.

- Update grading guidelines progress
 - SB 2033 is being contested by several districts in the state.
 - Through the grading guidelines committee and the discussion generated regarding SB2033 it was determined a district philosophy needs to be developed concerning what constitutes a grade.

- Report of EduRap presentation
 - Larry Allen, Blanca Ochoa, Phyliss Coleman, Anna Moya, Glenn Newsom and Susan Thompson attended the presentation of Dr. Ron Kelley at the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) in Galveston on January 29.
 - The consensus of the group was not to hire Dr. Kelley to present in the district.

- Report on Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted and Talented
 - The letter regarding the state plan was disseminated.
 - Each campus has two copies for review and the Board of Trustees will each receive a copy of the plan.
 - Through principal discussion the next steps will be determined regarding the state of the district's implementation of the plan.

- Determine date for SBDM training
 - The committee decided and afternoon training on February 22, 2010, would be the most conducive for everyone to attend.
 - A Region 4 ESC consultant will provide the training.

- Closure
 - The meeting closed at 5:15 PM.
 - The next regular meeting is May 3, 2010, at 4:00 PM in the Board Room.